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# LEGISLATIVE BULLETIN

## League of Women Voters of Maine

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### CALL TO ACTION - INCOME TAX

Thursday morning, February 21st

This is the date tentatively scheduled by the Taxation Committee for hearing L.D.1224 - An Act Providing for a State Income Tax. Please check legislative notices in your papers for confirmation, time and place.

This is a reprint of the same old bill which has been introduced before, presented this time by Mr. Cottrell of Portland. It is not a particularly good bill, but the State Board decided this would be the best opportunity for the League to speak in favor of the principle of an income tax. Harriet Henry will testify and will examine this bill according to some general criteria approved by the State Board. This is the time for a show of strength. Do come!

The League will offer statements on two other tax measures. We will oppose L.D.330 the Resolve Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution Prohibiting the Levying of a State Tax on Incomes and we will oppose the bill proposing the inclusion of food in the sales tax.

All of our hearing dates thus far seem to have been plagued with snow storms and extremely hazardous driving. Even so, eight League members showed up for the BTC & P&P hearings on February 5 and four made it to the Water hearing on the 6th.

On February 12th copies of November COUNTRY BEAUTIFUL, which contains the article Muddled Waters - The Challenge to Maine, were distributed to the Legislature with a covering letter from the League. These copies were furnished us courtesy of INFILCO, a manufacturer of water and waste treatment equipment.

LEGISLATIVE INTERVIEWS. With the Legislature in full swing the get-acquainted feature of these interviews has merged with action. Be sure to pound home the League program, and do send your reports promptly to Mrs. C. D. McEvoy Jr., 51 Highland Street, Bangor.

Does your League have Urban Renewal, planning or housing on Local Program? L.D.'S 343 and 345 would undermine enforcement of building, electrical, housing or plumbing codes and fire safeguards. We suggest you bring these to the attention of your planning boards and representatives. They were heard on February 6th by Legal Affairs Committee and may not have been reported out yet.

### What about the Allagash?

L.D. 115 Creating an Allagash River Authority will be heard Feb. 28 by Natural Resources. This seeks to preserve wilderness.

L.D. 874 An Act to Create the Maine Power Authority is the Cross Rock Dam proposal and will come up before Public Utilities.